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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith an amended "Amendments to the Claims" section of the preliminary amendment filed on October 6, 2003, as instructed in the Office Communication mailed on January 27, 2005. A response is due by February 27, 2005. Applicant believes that no fee is required in connection with this response.